



LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RCD December 1, 2009 Time: 7:00PM

I. Call to Order – Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Board Members Present:

Glenn Baldwin
Dennis Cantrell

- Vice President
-Member at Large

Betty Lou Finn
Tim Spelde

-Secretary
-Member at Large

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve the Agenda – Tim motioned to approve the agenda and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [12-09-01]

IV. Motion to Approve the 11/03/2009 Minutes – Dennis motioned to approve the November 2, 2009 minutes and Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dennis, Tim and Glenn for it and Betty Lou abstaining from the motion. [12-09-02]

V. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report – Tim motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-09-03]

VI. Director Reports

A. Glenn Baldwin – Propose Park on Peninsula – Glenn approached Steve Larry about the possibility of making an oasis and RCD park, accessible only by water, on the peninsula that is a part of his property, which is on the east side of the lake, across from the lake court center. Funding of the proposed park would be through donations and fundraisers so that the RCD would not incur any costs to build it. Steve and Claudia Larry offered to donate the peninsula (other than 30 feet of it that is attached to his property) to the RCD. Glenn sketched an idea of what he would like to do. Basically, Glenn is looking at putting in a wooden deck on the end with a boat dock connected to it and to make it a little oasis by planting some trees and putting in a walkway around the peninsula. (see attachment 1) He has a neighbor who is willing to do some of the labor work on the project. Glenn is going to form a committee to look at the details and then bring them to the board for approval. He and Steve are going to donate their monthly per diem checks for the rest of the fiscal year to help fund the project. Betty Lou asked where on the map is the 30 feet that Steve wants to maintain of his own property and Glenn said that the map wasn't to scale so it doesn't show it and that Steve said that he would take care of his connecting property so that it would blend in with whatever is decided on the park. Dennis said that someone would have to incur the expense to survey the property to deed it over to the RCD. Glenn recalls that Steve said that he would foot the expenses associated with deeding the property to the RCD. Tim said that they might have to look at shoreline stabilization of that point because it is pretty shallow around that point, which may make egress difficult.

B. Betty Lou Finn – Betty Lou spent about 2 months researching tables for the LCC and has brought a sample of an 8' table and a round table to the meeting. The fire code for the main room of the LCC allows 157-seated capacity. Betty Lou read off the following note from Nadine Portner on behalf of the social committee:

“All of the ladies on the social committee are very pleased with your table selection. We understand that they are easy to clean, but most importantly they are lightweight and we can easily fold these tables for storage. The older existing brown tables are heavy, cumbersome and dangerous for the delicate flowers of the social committee and my family alone will save a fortune on band-aids and antiseptic. We appreciate your efforts in this endeavor and hope that the RCD will support you in this respect.”

Betty Lou researched a number of different stores online for tables and finally settled on purchasing them Sam's Warehouse in Rockford. Some of the tables that she found online were less expensive than those at Sam's, however, they would have to pay transportation to have the tables delivered then and Don Finn

has a utility trailer and, with the help of one other gentleman, is willing to pick the tables from Rockford. When storing the new tables, they should be stacked on top of each other rather than leaned up against each other so that they won't slide away. Tim said that he thinks that Betty Lou did a good job and suggested that they could put the old tables up for sale at the garage sale. Betty Lou said that everyone on the social committee wanted to buy a table and they could sell them for \$10 or so. Glenn asked if it was in their 2009-2010 budget and Becky said that when Steve, Glenn and she discussed the adjusted budget last week that they considered the cost of the tables in it. Dennis said that replacement of the tables is long overdue. Betty Lou said that the social committee would love to have the new tables here by the Christmas party. Betty Lou motioned to spend about \$1,800 at Sam's Warehouse in Rockford to replace the tables at the LCC (14 -8' rectangle, 4-6' rectangle, and 4 -60" round tables), using Don Finn's utility trailer and a volunteer to pick them up and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-09-04] Rose Moss said that if Sam's will load the tables for them in Rockford then she would be willing to meet them at the Lake Court Center to unload them. Glenn said that the employees are not supposed to help load merchandise into personal vehicles and related an experience that he had.

Benches – Betty Lou said that the bench that Dennis built is not long enough for 2 people to sit on it to fish – the benches need to be at least as long as the ones that were there before. Dennis said that it would require a design change that is doable but will cost more money. Betty Lou said that they could purchase the benches rather than have Dennis build them – she realizes that they spent a lot of money on the flood disaster, however, they really need something that is comparable to what was there before. Dennis said that he thought they were good how they were, however, if the majority of the people want them made bigger, he'll make it happen. He'd like to first know what the cost would be to make them bigger so that the board can decide whether they want to incur that greater expense. Betty Lou asked Dennis to put the construction of the remaining benches on hold until he can come back with a cost on making them bigger (the one that he constructed is 5'). Betty Lou said that she is trying to prices on plaques and a 4" X 10" bronze plaque costs about \$231 and there are two of them that need to be replaced.

C. Dennis Cantrell

1. **Motion to Approve Request for Rebate Variance – Moss** – (they have not received word from their prospective contractors yet and so have not submitted their paperwork yet) – Tabled
2. **Motion to Approve Request for Rebate Variance – Kreger** – Joe Rush and Dennis have looked at the property and what they want to do to it and it looks good. The variance that they are requesting is to cover 160' of shoreline that is already stabilized with 6" by 12" rock and to stabilize 40' of shoreline in accordance with the RCD SOP. Don Finn said that the POA is half done stabilizing their property; they just have the half that goes to the drainage ditch that touches the Kreger's property to finish. Dennis motioned to approve the Kreger's request for a variance of the shoreline rebate program with the stipulation that the rock that is in the bid follows the SOP and Betty Lou seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-09-05]
3. **Motion to Approve Rebate Payment of \$3,400 – Durkin** – Dennis and Joe inspected the property and it looks good. There were a few things that needed to be redone that were completed. Dennis motioned to pay Frank and Carol Durkin their \$3,400 shoreline stabilization rebate and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-09-06]

D. Tim Spelde

1. **Security Reports** – it is the slower season for trespassers and such and so the report isn't as lengthy as previous reports. There were a couple of trespassing incidents, one at the N. Beach and one incident of the bathroom door at the LCC being open. Tim said that Sue Hill does a good job working with security and said "Keep up the good work, Sue!" Betty Lou asked how many homes are checked while people are on vacation and how many hours in a month are spent on that. Tim said that he does not know but that he will look into it.

2. **Green Area Below Dam** – (see attachment 2) there are 12 things they'd like to discuss doing that (Tim will solicit bids for some of this work and bring it to the board next month):

- Clean out the existing burn pile
- Create a gravel parking lot
- Level and seed the remaining area
- Remove burn pile sign and place in storage in case they find an alternate site
- Clean out the woods up to the sewer pipe
- Install a grill and picnic table
- Install some big rock steps by the dam
- Install some fishing platforms along the banks
- Fill in some spots in the dam that were caused by burrowing animals
- Installing benches along the creek side (ensure that the post holes are set really deep in concrete to withstand flooding)
- Put in rope and posts similar to what is at the beaches
- Plant shrubbery and/or hostas

The burn pile is officially closed and Tim is going to get the sign removed this week. He is talking to Charlie Moore about alternatives and asked Don to tell him that he is open to ideas. He doesn't think that taking the burn pile out of the community is the best thing, but he thinks that that particular location is too valuable to the community to have a junk pile there. They talked about starting a chipping program where people bring their brush to the end of the street 3-4 times a year and have a company come and pick it up and if you have a tree that comes down you are responsible for your own property.

3. **Flagg Road Silt Basin** – There was a miscommunication in that when Jerry was in charge of the burn pile: he had a discussion with Nordman about removing the dewatered silt and Tim thought that it was just proposal and he got more proposals and went with a lower bid of \$2,100 vs. \$2,500. Jerry had some ideas of where some of the silt should stay in place to stop run off from the fields and he called Tim immediately when he saw Ken doing the work and Tim apologized to Jerry for the miscommunication and called Mr. Nordman and told him that he wasn't trying to do anything sneaky or go around him. Joe Rush and Jerry Sellers both had some ideas of what they'd like to see at the silt basin and so next spring Tim would like to look at some potential improvements to the silt basin, getting Joe Rush's opinion on more of an engineering aspect.
4. **Dam Boards** – There was a letter sent out to board that indicated that they thought two levels of boards were going to be removed and Tim looked at the August minutes and they didn't say they were going to remove two levels of boards. They didn't want to lose the aesthetics of the lake so they only took out one layer; they will see how it works – if removing one layer helps save the shorelines from getting some of the ice damage like they did last year then they will continue that program for the future.

VII. New Business

- A. **Motion to Set Deadline of April 1, 2010 for Shoreline Owners to Apply for Rebate Program** – Tim recommended that if they pass this motion that they communicate to the shoreline owners that there is a deadline and Becky said that she can put it in the newsletter and send out individual letters to each of the shoreline owners in phase 1 and phase 2 that have not participated in the program yet. Dennis motioned to set a deadline of April 1, 2010 for Phase 1 and Phase 2 shoreline owners to indicate their participation in the stabilization rebate program to allow for budgeting of that expense and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll-call vote. [12-09-07]
- B. **Motion to Approve ILM to Perform Bathymetric Survey in March for \$6,925** – Betty Lou asked if this had been performed yet and Dennis said no, they had tabled the discussion – they were trying to coordinate when the bathymetric survey should be done with regard to the dredging. Glenn asked Becky to elaborate on how long this rate is good for and Becky said that the rate is good until March 30, 2010 and that Joe Rush was trying to coordinate a March 15th date. The survey is to be done so that they can get a baseline for dredging. If they wait to do it in the summer, the price goes up to around \$8,000. Tim suggested that

they table it until Joe Rush can explain to the board when it needs to be done – he is concerned that if they are not going to be dredging next year like they had planned that the survey may not be needed yet. Dennis agreed that it needs to be done before dredging, but that he doesn't know how long after the survey that the information will be good before dredging is done. Don said that when he was working on the dredging program it looked like they should have the survey done relatively close to the time that they perform the dredging because it changes daily. If they do it this March but don't dredge until next year, the information may be inaccurate. Don suggested that they should talk to the engineer and find out when they want the bathymetric study done in relation to dredging. Glenn said that dredging is going to be delayed as they are focusing their priorities on putting in a silt basin on babbling brook. **Tabled**

- C. Approval for Payment to Schulze of \$1,500 to Stabilize 30' of Shoreline of West Beach** – The RCD had the work performed at the West Beach at the same time that Frank Durkin had his work done and whatever contractor Frank was using that is who the RCD would use to save money. Tim motioned to approve payment to Schulze services of \$1,500 for the stabilization of the West Beach shoreline and Dennis seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with Glenn, Dennis, and Tim for it and Betty Lou abstaining from the vote. [12-09-08]

VIII. Guest Comments

1. Karen Kreger – they have approached the RCD before about contacting the property owners (Dennis Pottorff, Randall & Richard Masterson) that are adjacent to them about stabilizing their property that abuts the drainage ditch as it is causing an island next to their property each time it washes out each spring. She asked whether they have had any success in contacting them or whether they have had any ideas on how they are going to fix it. Dennis said that they could talk to Joe or Steve to see if there is some route that they can take because it does concern the RCD as far as what they are trying to do with stabilization.

Karen is concerned about having to pay back the shoreline rebate money on that part of their stabilization project if it fails in 10 years because they asked for a variance and Dennis said that the way he looks at it, the payment of that would only apply to the 160' that they asked for a variance on (because they are putting more rock on an existing stabilized area) and not to the 40' that is close to that gully since that is being done according to the SOP.

2. Michael Robinson – Treasurer's report – Mike asked about the \$697 that was approved by Steve to be paid to the POA and was wondering what that was for and Becky said that it is broken down on the check register as about \$200 for payment for the Watershed portion of the newsletter and \$480 for security. Security – Mike stated that there is no charge for people to have their homes checked while they are away. Glenn said that it is a nice service and he thinks that many people take advantage of it. Mike said that they couldn't pinpoint how much time is spent on it because it changes from month to month. Betty Lou said that they are a pretty secure neighborhood here with not a lot of vandalism – she has a neighbor check her house when she is gone and she wonders what the cost is to have that service done.

3. Dennis Cantrell – Dennis wanted to publicly thank Dave Shaw for doing some emergency electrical work at the LCC. They could have had a fire in the library if it hadn't been addressed – the heat had gone out and upon closer inspection it was discovered that it had been wired improperly in the past and totally burnt out. They replaced it properly and Dave did that as a volunteer. Don said that Dave Shaw is a new member of the ECC and they are glad to have him.

- IX. Recess to Executive Session – Topic: Budget** –; Steve, Glenn and Becky did a lot of work going over the budget to see where they could streamline it and they want to present their suggestions to the board. Before they recess, Glenn complimented all of the people who have been on the RCD board over years for leaving them in such a good financial position, especially when you see everything with the county, state and federal levels collapsing. As the current stewards of the RCD, they are going to try to do the same thing. **Meeting recessed at 7:58 to executive session**

- X. Reconvene Meeting** – meeting reconvened at 8:20PM

- XI. Motion to Adjourn** – Betty Lou motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM and Tim seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously. [12-09-09]

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